

CLAIMS

1. A trolley device capable of lifting and moving a container from an upright rest position, the device comprising a body part having handle means and means which permit movement of the device along a surface, the body part having container-contactable means which consist of primary and secondary container-contactable means, the primary container-contactable means being spaced above ground when said body part is upright and including at least one container-contactable part projecting outwardly from the body part and adapted to abut an external lower side wall of such a container, the secondary container contactable means spaced above said primary container-contactable means when said body part is upright and including at least one container-contactable part adapted to abut an internal upper side wall of the container, said body part capable of pivotal movement to raise and lower both said container-contactable means.
2. A trolley device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the container contactable means is moveable relative to the other along the body part.
3. A trolley device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the secondary container-contactable means is slidably moveable with respect to the body part and comprises a moveable carriage incorporating a releasable clamp operable to provide a range of stop positions between uppermost and lowermost positions of the clamp.
4. A trolley device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the clamp mechanism is releasably spring urged in frictional engagement with the body part.
5. A trolley device as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 4 wherein the secondary container-contactable means is moveable along the body part towards and away from the primary container-contactable means.

6. A trolley device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the moveable secondary container-contactable means is adapted to be displaced along the body part by a hand or foot operable member or by actuation means in the region of the handle means.
- 5 7. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the secondary container-contactable means includes at least one hook member adapted to engage an upper internal sidewall of said open topped container below an uppermost internal rim thereof.
- 10 8. A trolley device as claimed in claim 7 wherein a pair of hook members are provided whose ends project towards the body part.
- 15 9. A trolley device as claimed in claim 8 wherein the secondary container-contactable means further comprise a pair of generally parallel plates interconnected by a joining segment having an aperture through which the body part passes.
10. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the body part includes or is otherwise attached to a wheeled chassis.
- 20 11. A trolley device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the primary container-contactable means is mounted upon the chassis and project outwardly thereof.
- 25 12. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the primary container-contactable parts are fitted with removable and replaceable means to assist frictional engagement between said primary means and said external sidewall of a container.
- 30 13. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the primary container-contactable and secondary container-contactable means each comprise at least two container-contactable surface members.

14. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the primary container-contactable means further includes a moveable auxiliary container-contactable part.

5 15. A trolley device as claimed in claim 14 in which the auxiliary part is moveable rotationally about said at least one container-contactable part.

16. A trolley device as claimed in claim 14 or 15 wherein the said one and the auxiliary container-contactable parts extend in parallel away from the body part.

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17. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the primary container-contactable means comprises at least two spaced brackets mounted upon a lower section of the device and each bracket incorporating a pivotally mounted arm upon which a pair of container-contactable formations are provided, such that at least
15 four container-contactable formations are present.

18. A trolley device as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 16, wherein the primary container-contactable means comprises at least two spaced pivot arms mounted in a horizontal plane when the device is upright, both said pivot arms
20 provided at or in the region of their ends with container-contactable formations.

19. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the container-contactable formations of the secondary container-contactable means are mounted convergently.

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20. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the container-contactable formations of the secondary container-contactable means are provided with flexible ferrules.

30 21. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the body part comprises three spaced apart generally parallel upright elongate lengths of tubing.

22. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim in combination with a container, preferably an open-topped container.
- 5 23. A trolley device as claimed in any preceding claim wherein the clamp mechanism is laterally turnable about the body part.